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NEWSBOYS' LODGING AND INDUSTRIAL HOME.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1888.

The Managers of the Newsboys' Lodging and Industrial Home, anew present their report at the close of another year's work. Much of the success of an Institution of this class depends on the capacity and zeal of the resident Superintendent and Matron, and the Managers are happy in being able to report their continued satisfaction with the services rendered both by Mr. and Mrs. Barnett in this capacity. Mr. Barnett has exerted himself with considerable success in the important work of getting the older boys into permanent employment, while, with a due mixture of firmness and kindly sympathy, he has directed his best efforts to the still more difficult work of reclaiming fresh entrants from the reckless habits of vagrancy, inevitable in the life from which it is the object of this Institution to rescue them.

INMATES OF THE HOME.

The two classes of inmates of the Newsboys' Lodging here referred to are, in part, only different stages in the experience of the street boy, though the Institution is also turned to account in the inclement winter months by casual wanderers, who, after obtaining shelter for a few nights, are lost sight of, or drift back again to the Lodging, after fruitless efforts at maintaining themselves on the street. To the confirmed vagrant the restraint of a well-ordered home are necessarily distasteful; and when for a short period after the death of the late

efficient Superintendent, Mr. Chapman, an incompetent man, succeeded to his post, the managers had a brief opportunity of estimating the influence affecting this class of boys. The new Superintendent relaxed nearly all discipline; the boys soon obtained the mastery; and with the freedom to follow their own courses superadded to the physical comforts of the Lodging, it promised to be very popular. The Superintendent was able to report the house fuller than under any previous Superintendent, at the very time when the Managers had reason to fear that their best efforts for reclaiming the boys were rendered unavailing.

During the past year the Managers endeavored to secure the transfer of a seemingly incurable vagrant, and an adept in the art of mendicancy, to the Industrial School at Mimico. The rumor of this got abroad among that class of street boys, and for a time they viewed the Home with suspicion and distrust. There is good reason for believing that the opening of that excellent institution has already materially diminished the number of boys of this class on the streets of Toronto. Some of them are known to have gone off to Buffalo and Detroit, under the dread of being subjected to its wholesome restraints.

A YEAR'S OPERATIONS.

The following is a brief summary of the results of the past year's operations in the Home: There have been 121 boys resident in the Lodging during the year, of whom 34 were admitted for the first time. Work of some kind has been provided for all, the untrained vagrants being started at first with their little stock of papers, and encouraged in the attempt to pay their own way and enter on a career of honest independence. They have also shared with the older inmates in the training and instruction of the Superintendent and visitors. But it is scarcely necessary to state that the selling of newspapers on the street can form no permanent occupation for a boy. In all cases it is regarded merely as a temporary kind of unskilled labor to serve as the first training and incentive to regular industry. The boy is encouraged to pay for his own lodging, and so to acquire ideas and habits of independence. He is also induced to deposit his

surplus earnings in the Savings Bank, and so trained in provident habits. But all this is carried on with the final object in view of getting him settled in permanent employment. During the past year 56 boys have been sent to situations or otherwise provided with regular employment. But the usual difficulties have been encountered, owing to the tendency of boys recently brought under the restraints of order and discipline to throw up their situations on the most trivial provocation. The Managers have to acknowledge their obligations to the Superintendent for the success he has achieved in spite of the difficulties with which he has had to contend.

SAVINGS BANK.

The Savings Bank continues to maintain its credit as a useful branch of the work. The first deposit of the newly reclaimed vagrant is an important step, involving novel motives and aims ; and in not a few cases has proved to be the beginning of habits of honest thrift. The deposits are in many cases temporary ; the small accumulations being withdrawn from time to time, for supplies of papers, clothing, or to pay their daily ten cents, when they have been unsuccessful in their precarious trade as news-vendors. But the laying by for the future is in itself an important lesson ; and even the learning to know that they can deposit their savings with the Superintendent, and reclaim them when needed, is the beginning of entirely new ideas ; as is often seen in the contrast between the jealous suspicions of a strange boy when first admitted into the Lodging, and the confidence inspired in the older occupants as the result of their experience.

During the past year there have been 42 depositors in the bank, of sums varying from the lowest of 8 and 10 cents, to the highest of $18.25 ; and amounting in all to $317.00. The depositors are encouraged by a quarterly addition of 5 per cent. on their deposits. Banking operations on such a scale may tempt great financiers to smile, but experience proves that their indirect results are in many cases of permanent value, as incentives to frugal industry.

HOME RESULTS.

The Newsboys' Lodging differs in one essential respect from the Boys' and the Girls' Homes, the Protestant Orphans' Home, and other kindred institutions, in the important feature of the contributions of its own inmates towards its maintenance. It claims to be an Industrial Home, specially aiming at the development of habits of frugality and independence among the reclaimed friendless children of the street.

The payment of the boys for their own board and lodging, including an extra charge for the week-day dinners specially provided for those in regular employment, and for the lockers in which their spare clothing is secured, has amounted during the past year to $1,055.80.

The free Sunday dinner continues to prove an efficient incentive to good conduct, and a means of awakening pleasant associations with the Home and the Day of Rest.

The Managers have once more to return their grateful thanks to the Sunday and week-day visitors, including the students of the University and of Knox and Wycliffe Colleges, who have kindly given their aid in this useful work. Much good has resulted in former years from the influences of the visitors in rendering the evenings at home both attractive and useful to the boys. An increase in the number of visitors, including ladies, whose services are peculiarly acceptable to the boys, is earnestly invited by the managers.

THE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

When the Newsboys' Home originated twenty years ago, one of the subjects that specially attracted the attention of its originators was the fact that the city Public Schools failed to overtake the poorest class of children, including those whose parents are least likely to appreciate the value of education. The managers would anew invite public attention to this subject, as both from their experience in the working of this Institution, and from enquiries beyond its range, they are impressed with the desirableness of enforcing the truant law. Poor but respectable families are to be found whose children are at-

tending no school. In some cases they have been refused admission, owing to want of proper clothing. In other cases the temptations of poverty induce the parents to employ their time in earning some chance trifle to add to their stinted means. In addition to such cases which require to be dealt with in a systematic way, calculated to aid the parents, in some cases poor widows, there is the class, unfortunately too numerous, of dissipated and criminal parents, utterly regardless of the true interest of their children. Cases have been reported to members of the Managing Committee that show the necessity for a truant officer being employed by the School Board, who shall not only ascertain the number of children who attend no school, but who will be prepared to interpose on behalf of poor but willing parents, and insist on their admission to the Public School. It is a reproach to our Public School system if it can be shown that it provides free education for the children of the prosperous tradesman and the skilled artisan, while it fails to overtake those who, alike from poverty and the lack of any healthful moral home-training, ought to have the first claim on any system of free education in the Public Schools.

MEDICAL OFFICER.

The prevalence of an exceptional amount of sickness among the inmates of the Lodging during the past year has confirmed the Managers in the necessity of carrying out some important changes, indispensable for the sanitary requirements, as well as the greater efficiency of the House for the successful prosecution of its special work; but which has only now been rendered possible by the completion of proper drainage to the street. The special thanks to the Managers are gratefully rendered to Dr. Wm. J. Greig for his kind and efficient services as medical officer during the past year.

TREASURER.

The past year has been one of exceptional outlay, chiefly in the important matter of draining, the city authorities having, at the request of the Managers, constructed an efficient permanent drain in the street. Other alterations and improvements on a somewhat exten-

sive scale are now proposed, involving an expenditure of probably not less than $4,000. To accomplish this the Managers must appeal to the liberality of their friends. But they feel assured that in view of the good work already accomplished among the street boys, and the ever-increasing need of such an institution in Toronto, their appeal will not be made in vain.

As will be seen from the Treasurer's report, during the past year, the money received from the boys' own daily payments towards the expenses of the Home have amounted to $1,055.80.

The special thanks of the Managers are gratefully tendered to the Mayor and Aldermen of the city for their grant of $400. They have also to acknowledge a grant from the Provincial Legislature of $161.04. To the kind friends whose generous contributions are set forth in detail in the subjoined report of the Treasurer; to the members of the Ladies' Committee for their invaluable services in all the important details of domestic management; to the Visitors for their persevering labors in the education and moral training of the boys, and to the efficient Superintendent and Matron, without whose services all other efforts would be vain, the Managers now return their grateful thanks.

RELIGIOUS TRAINING.

The boys continue to attend the St. James's Cathedral Sunday School; and it is gratifying to receive renewed assurances of their good conduct there. The work in the Home is directed with an aim not only to develop industrious and honest habits in the boys, but to bring them under the influence of earnest Christian training; and it is the devout hope of all who are interested in the good work, that, under the Divine blessing the good fruits of the efforts here employed on behalf of the neglected and friendless children of the street, may be manifested in future years, as in some degree they have already been shown in the prosperous condition and the good character of former inmates of the Home, who are now industrious members of society.

NEWSBOYS' LODGING AND INDUSTRIAL HOME.

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending 31st March, 1888.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand 31st March, 1887	$ 697 90
Province of Ontario Grant	161 04
City of Toronto Grant	400 00
Proceeds of Dr. Wilson's Lecture	196 75
Donation from Zetland Masonic Lodge	100 00
Do. from late George Grasett	250 00
General Subscriptions	887 70
Received from Boys	1055 80
Sundries	3 50
	$3752 69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Superintendent's Salary	$ 400 00
Housekeeping Expenses	2146 24
Printing, Advertising, Stationery, &c	30 93
Repairs to Building	245 08
Fire Insurance	20 00
Carried to Bequest Account	250 00
Balance of Current Funds	660 44
	$3752 69

ON HAND.

Balance of Current Funds	$660 44
Amount of Bequests (Invested)	850 00
" Building Fund "	300 00
Interest on Investments	180 17

David Higgins,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,

J. J. Woodhouse, } *Auditors.*
R. N. Gooch, }

25th June, 1888.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1887-88.

Ardagh, Mrs	$ 4 00
Allan, Hon. G. W	10 00
Allan, A. A. & Co	5 00
Alison, Thomas	2 00
Beardmore, G. L	5 00
Bryce, Thomas	50 00
Blake, Lash, Cassels, & Holman	20 00
Brodie, J. L	2 00
Blake, Hon. S. H	10 00
Brown Bros	5 00
Blaikie, J. L	5 00
Brock, W. R., & Co	5 00
Boyd Bros. & Co.	5 00
Barber & Ellis Co	5 00
Beatty, W. H	2 00
Baldwin, Rev. A. H	5 00
Bleasdell, W. H., & Co	3 00
Campbell, Sir Alex	10 00
Clarke, H. E., & Co	10 00
Cooke, Wm	1 00
Campbell, A. H., & Co	25 00
Clark, Mrs. Mortimer	2 00
Canadian Rubber Co	5 00
Cooper & Smith	5 00
Clark, W. Mortimer	5 00
Cowan, J. W., & Co	1 00
Caldecott, Burton & Co	5 00
Canada Paper Co	2 00
Delaporte, A. V	5 00
Davis, A. A	5 00
Davison, Samuel	10 00
Darling, Cockshutt & Co.	2 00
Duggan, Mrs. George	2 00
Dumoulin, Rev. Canon	5 00
Eby, Blain & Co	5 00
Ellioitt, Wm	5 00
Fulton, A. T	5 00
Friend, A	1 00
"	2 00
Fisken, J. K	$ 2 00
Gzowski, Col. A. D. C	50 00
Gooch, R. N	10 00
Gooderham, George	5 00
Gooderham, Willie	2 00
Gooderham, A	2 00
Gooderham, Mr. Henry	5 00
Gilmour, Mr. R	2 00
Gill, W. S	3 00
Goulding, G., & Sons	5 00
Gillespie, Ansley & Martin	5 00
Gutta Percha & Rubber Man. Co	5 00
Gage, W. J	5 00
Gray & Harold Man. Co.	2 00
Hagarty, Hon. Chief Justice	20 00
Hutchison, Henry	3 00
Howard, J. G	5 00
Hoskin, John, Q.C	10 00
Heward, Mrs. Stephen	20 00
Higgins, David	5 00
Howland, O. A	5 00
Harvie, John	5 00
Howland, W. H	5 00
Hay, John D	5 00
Hamilton, W. B., Son & Co	5 00
Howland, H. S., Son & Co	2 00
Irwin, J. D	1 00
Irvin, A. S	2 00
Jardine, A., & Co	3 00
Kingstone, F. W	5 00
Knowlton, W. H	2 00
Kilgour Bros	10 00
Kay, John, Son & Co	5 00
Kerr, W. H. C	5 00
Lewis, Rice & Son	5 00
Livingston, Johnston & Co	5 00
Lang, J. W	2 00
Lockhart, Millichamp & Co	2 00

SUBSCRIPTIONS—*Continued.*

Lailey, Watson & Co....	$ 2 00
Lewis, George W.....	20 00
Mowat, Hon. O.....	20 00
Morvyn House Band of Young Ladies (Miss Haight).....	15 00
Macdonald, Hon. John..	50 00
Mulholland, Mrs.....	2 00
Munro, Mrs.....	5 00
Michie, F. & G. S.....	5 00
Macdonald, J. G.....	2 00
MacKay, Donald	10 00
Morrison, J	5 00
McKenzie, Walter.. ...	5 00
McGee, D.....	5 00
McKinnon, S. F. & Co..	5 00
McCabe, William	5 00
McMaster, Darling & Co..	5 00
McCall, D., & Co.....	5 00
McIlroy, T., Jr., & Co....	3 00
McGaw & Winnett.....	5 00
Nordheimer, Mr.....	50 00
Nelson, H. A., & Sons ..	5 00
Nerlich & Co.....	2 00
Nemo.....	5 00
Northrop & Lyman Co..	5 00
O'Brien, Henry.....	2 00
Ogilvy, Alexander & Anderson	4 00
Pollard, Mrs.....	10 00
Parkdale Methodist Sunday School.....	$ 5 70
Perkins, Ince & Co.....	5 00
Pepler, James & Son....	2 00
Playfair, J. S.....	10 00
Reid, Rev. Dr	2 00
Rose, G. M..... ..	5 00
Rogers, Elias, & Co.....	3 00
Rowsell, Henry	5 00
Rogers, Sam., & Co.....	2 00
Swan Bros.....	10 00
Simpson, W. B. Bridgeman	25 00
Stayner, Sutherland	20 00
Simpson, R.....	5 00
Sloan & Crowther.....	5 00
Smith & Keighley	5 00
Smith, G. B.....	2 00
Sampson, Kennedy & Co..	10 00
Turnbull, James.....	2 00
Waren Bros. & Boomer..	5 00
Wilson, Dr. D.....	10 00
Wilson, Dr. D., proceeds of Lecture.....	196 75
Woodhouse, J. J.....	2 00
Wyld, Grasett & Darling.	5 00
White, Joselin, & Co	5 00
Watson, R. & T	2 00
Warwick & Sons.....	2 00
Zetland Masonic Lodge..	100 00

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